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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office communication dated February 28, 2005, in the above-identified application. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action of February 28, 2005, the Examiner requested restriction of claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, between Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a secure container with a distributing section and no sales restrictions, Group II: Claims 15-26 and 30, drawn to a secure container with no distributing section and no sales restrictions, and Group III: Claims 27-29, drawn to a secure container with sales restrictions but no distributing

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section. In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a secure container with a distributing section and no sales restrictions.

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